

To the Honourable [sic] the Circuit Court for the County of Knox now in session. The petition of Jenny a woman of colour now humbly showeth,

That your Petitioner was taken prisoner many years since by a hostile tribe of Indians and held in bondage by them until some time after the treaty of Greeneville in the year 1795. That some time after said last mentioned period your petitioner was sold by said Indians to a certain Antoine Lasselle, and that whilst your petitioner was in the service as aforesaid of said Antoine Lasselle, she had two children James and Polly. That the said Antoine Lasselle unjustly claiming your petitioner as well as her children, as his slaves; sold the said Polly to a certain Joseph Barraun [Barrow?], and that said Barraun [Barrow?] has since sold said Polly to Lyacynth [sic] Lasselle, in whose possession she is at present unjustly and unlawfully detained, that the said Antoine Lasselle unjustly claiming your petitioner and her children as aforesaid sold the said James to a certain La Plant, who sold said James to Hyacinth Lasselle in whose possession he is now unjustly detained. Your Petitioner begs leave to state to your Honours that she is instructed to state, that by the treaty of Greeneville aforesaid all prisoners were to be given up by each of the parties to said treaty, and that your petitioner ought to have been released from bondage, and would so have been released, had the Indians have executed said treaty on their part in good faith. That having no right to the person of your petitioner after said treaty was executed, the said Indians could not transfer to another a power or authority which they did not possess themselves. Your Petitioner therefore prays that your Honours will take the case of her said children into consideration and cause the states writ of *habeas* [sic] corpus to issue against said Hyacinth Lasselle, and that he be directed to cause the said Polly and James to be and appear before your Honours in open court immediately then and there to abide and await what your Honours may adjudge in the Premises.

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Petition of Jenny

A woman of colour

Knox County, ss. ——— The State of Indiana, to the Sheriff of Knox county Greeting:

WE command you to summon Jean Bte. Villeneuve, Pierre **Greadare** & Mary his wife & John Bonhom if they may be found in your bailiwick, personally to be and appear before our Judges in our circuit court to be holden at Vincennes, in our said county, on the first Monday of May Inst., then and there in our said court, on the fourth day of the said term, to give evidence, and the truth to say, on the behalf of Polly and James Persons of colour Pltffs. V. Hyacinthe Lasselle Defts in a plea of Ha Corpus and not to depart the court without leave. Hereof the said Jean Bte., Pierre & Mary, & John in no wise to fail, under the penalty of five hundred dollars each and of this writ make due return.

Witness ROBERT BUNTIN, Clerk of our said court
at VINCENNES, the fourth day of May
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and nineteen and of the state the third

RBuntin, Clerk, C. C. K. C.

Mr. Buntin

Summon William Newfort and John McBain to testify for Negroes James and Polly
vs. H. Lasselle ———

M. Tabbs

Issued 8th May 1819

Polly & James
persons of Color
vs.
H. Lasselle

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Knox County, ss. — The State of Indiana, to the Sheriff of Knox county Greeting:

WE command you to summon Jean Bte. Villeneuve, and Jean Bonhom if they may be found in your bailiwick, personally to be and appear instantes before our Judges in our circuit court now holden at Vincennes, in our said county, on the fifth day of term, then and there in our said court, on the said 5th day [sic] day of the said term, to give evidence, and the truth to say, on the behalf of Polly and James persons of colour Pltffs against Hyacinthe Lasselle Deft. In a plea of Habs. Corpus and not to depart the court without leave. Hereof the said Jean Bte. & John are in no wise to fail, under the penalty of five hundred [sic] dollars each and of this writ make due return.

Witness ROBERT BUNTIN, Clerk of our
said court at VINCENNES, the seventh day
of May in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and nineteen and of the state
the third.

RBuntin, Clerk, C. C. K. C.

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Polly & James persons of colour

vs.

Sums.

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Jean Bte. Villeneauve

& John Bonham –

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Knox COUNTY, ss.

The State of Indiana to the Sheriff of Knox County, Greeting:

WE command you to summon William Newport and John McBain if they may be found in your bailiwick, personally to be and appear before our Judges in our Circuit Court, now holden at Vincennes to appear on the 7th day present Term, then and there in our said court to give evidence and the truth to say on behalf of James and Polly persons of colour Pltffs agt. Hyacinthe Lasselle Deft. In a plea of Habias [sic] Corpus and not to depart the court without leave. Hereof the said William and John are in no wise fail under the penalty of five hundred dollars each and of this writ make due return.

Witness Robert Buntin, Clerk of our said
court at Vincennes the eighth day of May in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and nineteen – RBuntin

Retble to May Term 1819

James & Polly persons of Colour

vs.

Ha. Cor.

Hyacinthe Lasselle

Sums. For Pltffs.

William Newport &

John McBain to appear

On Monday 10th Mayay [sic] &

7th day of Term –

Executed	L. Almy D. S. K. C.
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